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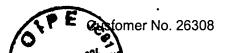
# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

# **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Please amend the application as follows:



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#### **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

#### **STATUS**

- 2. Applicant is
  - [x] a small entity
  - [ ] other than a small entity.

### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))**

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# **EXTENSION OF TERM**

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NOTE:		CFR 1.64 nation prod		erference proceedings and 3	7 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in	
3.	The pr	roceedir	ngs herein are for a pate	nt application and the p	provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply	
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## **FEE FOR CLAIMS**

The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below: 4.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee (Small Entity)	Additional Fee (Large Entity)
Total Claims 37 CFR 1.16(c)*	5	-20 =	(15)	x \$ 9.00	\$0	\$0
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)**	1	-3 =	(2)	x \$ 43.00	\$0	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent claim(s) if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))				\$145.00	\$0	\$0
Total Additional Fee					\$0	\$0

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"After final rejection or action (S 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR S 1.116(a) (emphasis added). WARNING:

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#### **FEE DEFICIENCY**

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6. [x] If any overpayment of fees or additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. \_\_\_06-2360.

#### AND/OR

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